

TOWER PRISONER DESCRIBES HIS ROMANCE IN BERLIN

CAFE MEETING WITH MARIE LOUISE

FAIR-HAIRED GIRL WHO NEVER TOLD HIM HER OTHER NAME

TRIPS TO A LAKE DISTRICT

LEUTENANT NORMAN BAILLIE-STEWART, the twenty-four-year-old Seaforth Highlander, known as "the officer in the Tower," gave evidence yesterday at the court-martial at the Duke of York's Headquarters, and was cross-examined.

He described his meeting with the man Obst and his introduction to the girl Marie Louise.

References were made during his cross-examination to the evidence of secret witnesses.

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart denied that he had ever attempted to obtain, obtained, or disclosed any information prejudicial to the State.

"There is no possible reason why I should," he said, "I have never been in debt in my life."

Mr. Norman Parkes, who is defending Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, first made an opening address to the court, in which he submitted that the case for the prosecution was "tattered and frayed."

"The matter of the code alleged by the prosecution had wholly gone," he said.

"His brother will be called," said Mr. Parkes, "to say that it was a peculiarity about him and that he was in the habit of making jottings at all sorts of times on odd scraps of paper about matters of military importance."

WITNESS TO TELL OF MARIE LOUISE

"During the progress of the trial some corroboration had been forthcoming to the defence of that account."

"A witness will be called before you—a man of eminent respectability," said Mr. Parkes, "and he will tell you he read in the newspapers an account of evidence given in this case and he saw a reference to a woman in Berlin passing in the name of Marie Louise."

"He will tell you that during August of last year, at the time when the accused will tell you this woman was in Berlin, this witness was introduced to her; that she was introduced to him in these names only. He met her and he will describe her in your eyes."

As soon as the court resumed after lunch and Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart



MR. COGGINS, the Aldershot solicitor who is instructing counsel in Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart's defence.

arms course at Hythe also came up. He wished to qualify in order that later on he could perhaps get a territorial adjutancy.

He applied to go on the course with another officer, and if they had done so it would have meant that they would have had to forfeit their August leave. There were, however, no vacancies.

He went to Germany at the beginning of August last, and a short while before sold his car for £20. In Germany he went straight to Berlin.

Mr. Parkes: Did you get in touch with some woman?—Yes, I met several. The prosecution has produced a slip of paper found in your possession bearing the name of a certain film actress. Did you go and see her?—No, I did not.

CAFÉ TALK WITH A GERMAN

"How did you get the address?—We corresponded together some time before I went to Germany."

Mr. Parkes: Then did you meet a particular woman?—I met Marie Louise. Mr. Parkes: I want you to tell the court in your own words how you came to meet her.

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart then said: "It was in about the first week I did in Berlin. I was sitting at a table in a café, and the ladies were very crowded, and a German came up to my table and he said something which I gathered was an apology, and said down."

"I could not understand German, so I cannot say what he said. I gathered that he was asking permission to join me."

"I was reading a newspaper at the time, and I went on reading it."

"Then he spoke to me in English, because, I suppose, he saw it was an English newspaper. I was reading."

He said, "How do you like Berlin?" Those were the first words actually used.

"Then we got into conversation, and I told him that I was at a loose end, and I did not know any people except the ones one could always pick up."

There, he said, he thought he could help me, as he knew a friend who would be only too pleased to show me round and entertain me."

He said he would do it himself, but he was a very busy man, and I would probably like some one of the other sex. He suggested I should meet her on the following day.

"Well, I jumped at the proposal, and arranged to meet him with her at, I think, it was about six o'clock the next evening at the same café."

Mr. Parkes: Did you go along there?—Yes, I went along, and I found him sitting at a table with a young, fair-haired German girl whom he introduced as Fräulein Marie Louise.

Did you talk together?—Yes. We talked together for some time. Did the man stay?—No. He got up after a while and excused himself, and told me that he would see me again some time later in the company of Marie Louise. He left us together.

Mr. Parkes asked whether Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart spent the evening with Marie Louise.

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart replied that they stayed at the café some while longer, and then Marie Louise suggested that he should go and look at a place where there were a lot of rooms of every nationality.

The Judge-Advocate (Mr. P. M. Sutherland Graeme): A hotel?—No, Sir. Rooms which are done up in the style of various nations—it is an enormous place.

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, replying to further questions by Mr. Parkes, said that he met Marie Louise again on many subsequent occasions. He

England was your brother at your Army. We used to argue on that subject a great deal.

"The 'armoured cars' I think I must have jotted down on account of the armoured car cavalry regiment and their role as compared to ordinary armoured cars. I cannot be absolutely certain, but I think that was what was running in my mind."

"The 'equipment,' 'arming and structure'—the 'equipment,' I wanted to know mechanical details of the method of cooling without letting the armoured car be vulnerable. The 'arming' was whether they had any other armaments than the three-nought-three Vickers guns."

Were you interested in the automatic rifle?—Yes, because my brother had been on a small-arms course and had told me a new pattern had been brought out which had a semi-circular magazine or something of the kind. We had often talked about it and the obsolete nature of the Lewis gun, which we were always having trouble with."

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart said that his habit of making jottings on pieces of paper was purely for his own instruction. Some of them were numbered in order to tabulate them.

On August 27 last he met Marie Louise in Holland on the wharf at The Hook. On the way there he saw Mrs. Hickey, a friend of his, and the woman referred to as Miss "D."

MADE NO SECRET OF HIS JOURNEY.

He had made no secret of his journey, and his brother went with him when he booked his ticket. He had told his brother about Marie Louise before he went and when he came back.

On the way there he saw Mrs. Hickey, a friend of his, and the woman referred to as Miss "D."

Did you gather what she was doing in Holland?—I think she was staying with the same people.

On that visit he made arrangements to



Lieutenant Norman Baillie-Stewart leaving the Duke of York's Headquarters at the end of yesterday's court-martial proceedings.

NOTES ON PIECES OF PAPER

Did you wear the suit on your return to Southsea?—Yes, a great deal, used to go about the beach in it. You have been photographed in it?—Yes, while I was walking with my brother."

A photograph was handed to Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, who identified it as being the one to which he referred. Mr. Parkes: It has been suggested that you wrote down the words "organisation," "tanks," "A.C.S." and so forth, while you were in Germany?—That is quite untrue.

Did you remember when you wrote them down?—I can't say definitely. It certainly was on my return and after some of these discussions I had with my brother."

About what?—On most of these subjects.

Was it your habit to make jottings on pieces of paper?—Very much so.

Cast your mind back. What do you think caused you to make notes of that kind?—I do not know very much about tanks," replied Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, "and my brother is very much against the mechanisation of the

NEVER RANG UP GERMAN WAR OFFICE

WHY HE WROTE THE NUMBER

go the following week-end, and jotted down train times in his notebook.

Was there any suggestion made about a visit later on?—I said I would go over in the spring, and she suggested I should go via the Bremen to Hamburg, and meet her in Berlin. She also wanted me to bring a car with me.

Did you a week later receive from her the letter containing £50?—Yes.

That letter says the money was sent in repayment of a loan. Had there been a loan?—None at all.

What did you gather when you read that letter?—That it was some sort of subterfuge of hers, so I followed the lead she gave me.

The Judge-Advocate: What do you mean by subterfuge?—I thought it was some idea of keeping the matter quiet at her end. I supposed she did not want to put down the real purpose.

What was it?—Our affair, sir.

Mr. Parkes asked, turning to the letter to Obst and the sections signature of Alphonse Poirot: "On the occasion you saw Marie Louise immediately before you left Berlin, did you come to an arrangement as to how you should write to her if necessary?"

NOTICED LETTER HAD BEEN OPENED

"Yes," said Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart. "She suggested when we arranged this date that if I could not go I should write through Obst. I objected to that, and said could not she let me have her address. She said she preferred to do it that way, and I said, 'If you expect me to write through Obst I do not want to sign my real name because I do not like writing through an intermediary.' She said, 'Put down John Brown or anything like that.'"

When the time came to acknowledge the present you selected "Alphonse Poirot?"—That is really a corruption of Alphonse Daudet. I had the same Poirot become the name of this girl, the dressmaker's daughter, and I got the two together."

I noticed that in your letter in which you acknowledged the receipt of that money you show that you knew that the letter from her had been opened?—Yes.

The back of the envelope containing the letter was produced, and Mr. Parkes asked, "Did you notice it had been opened when you received it?"

"I think it was obvious," replied Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart.

Nevertheless you still wrote; you wrote to this woman "Care of Obst"?—Yes, I had nothing to hide at all.

The Judge-Advocate called Mr. Parkes' attention to the wording of his question, and Mr. Parkes repeated it in this form: "You wrote to this woman through Obst?"

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart: Yes.

Mr. Parkes: A bit later you received £50?—Yes.

After you had intimated in your pre-

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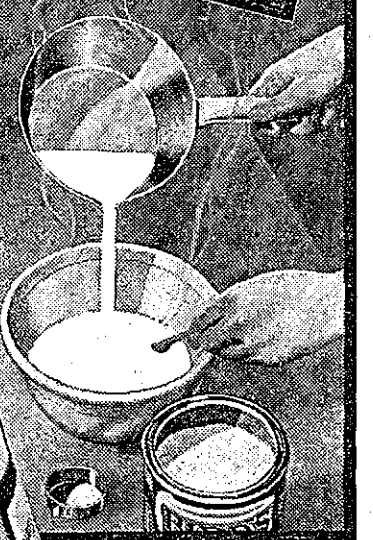
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PLANS FOR A FUTURE MEETING

Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart said he returned to England on August 20, but had not leave in fact until the 20th. He returned because his brother had just finished his leave in the 1st of Wight. He had not seen him for some period, and wanted to see him again.

Mr. Parkes: Did you say good-bye to Marie Louise?—Yes.

When did you say good-bye to her?—She came and saw me off at the station on the day I left. I was with her, of course, a large part of the afternoon and early evening of that day.

Did you have any conversation about seeing her again?—Yes. When we were at a dance place together she told me she was leaving Berlin herself within a few days time to go and stay with friends in Holland and she told me.

"It is rather difficult to remember," added Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, who did not complete his sentence.

Mr. Parkes: Did she know you were going to England?—Yes.

Mr. Parkes: Was there any reference to your meeting her when she was in Holland?—Yes, it was when we were having tea together that I suggested seeing her. I said, "I am going to see her. I did not suggest it seriously to start with, but she seized on the idea and sent one of the drivers off to get the director's."

Did you agree you would make a flying visit?—Yes, after she pointed out that it would be possible.

"ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL HELP."

Did you write down the train times for that visit?—Yes, on a small piece of paper. One of the scraps of paper which are exhibits in the case was handed to the accused, who said, "This is it."

He added that he kept it inside his driving licence with others.

Mr. Parkes: That is the name of the film actress you have referred to on the back?—That is right.

Will you tell the court why you agreed to go back for a visit to her in Holland?—I did it partly for the adventure and because I rather anticipated getting financial assistance from her.

Mr. Parkes: A document has been put in by the prosecution which we understand is in your handwriting, containing the address and what we understand is the telephone number of the German War Office. How came you to write that?

"Before I went out to Germany," said Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, "I discussed with officers the question of liaising with German regiments, I thought of doing that from the very start of my visit to Berlin, but as I enjoyed myself for a considerable period I did not think of it until nearly the end of my leave."

GAVE THE NAME OF HIS REGIMENT

"Then I asked the hall porter—through whom, incidentally, I had to do everything—the address of the German War Ministry. He gave it to me with the telephone number, which I took down."

Did you ever ring up the German War Ministry?—No, I cannot use a German telephone.

The Judge-Advocate (Intervening) asked what was his hotel.

Mr. Parkes: I understand the prosecution do not want the name of the hotel mentioned.

Major Shapcott: That is so.

"May I add something," said Lieutenant Baillie-Stewart, "in regard to my hotel? I registered in my correct name and regiment when I stopped there."

Mr. Parkes: When you returned to

"Ought we to send for the doctor?"



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